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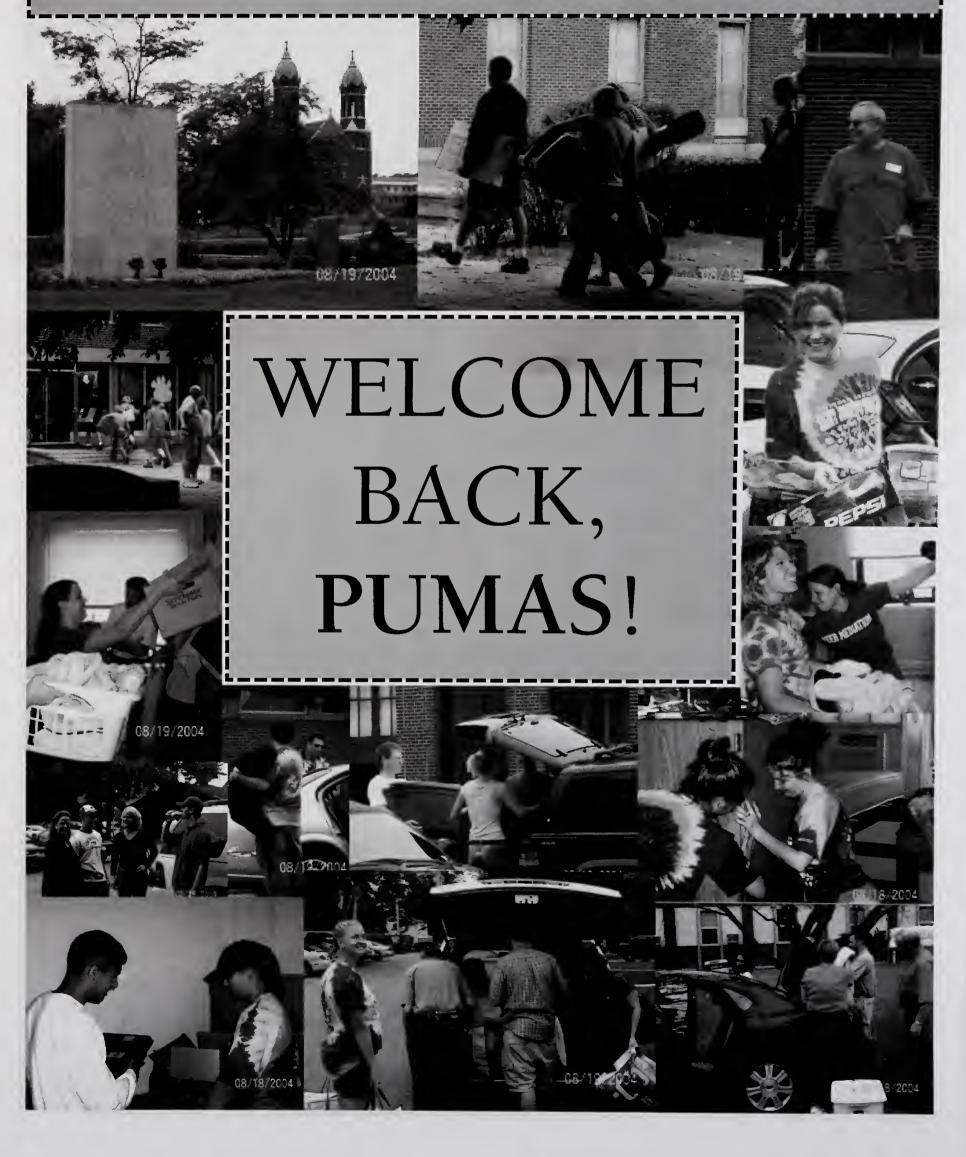


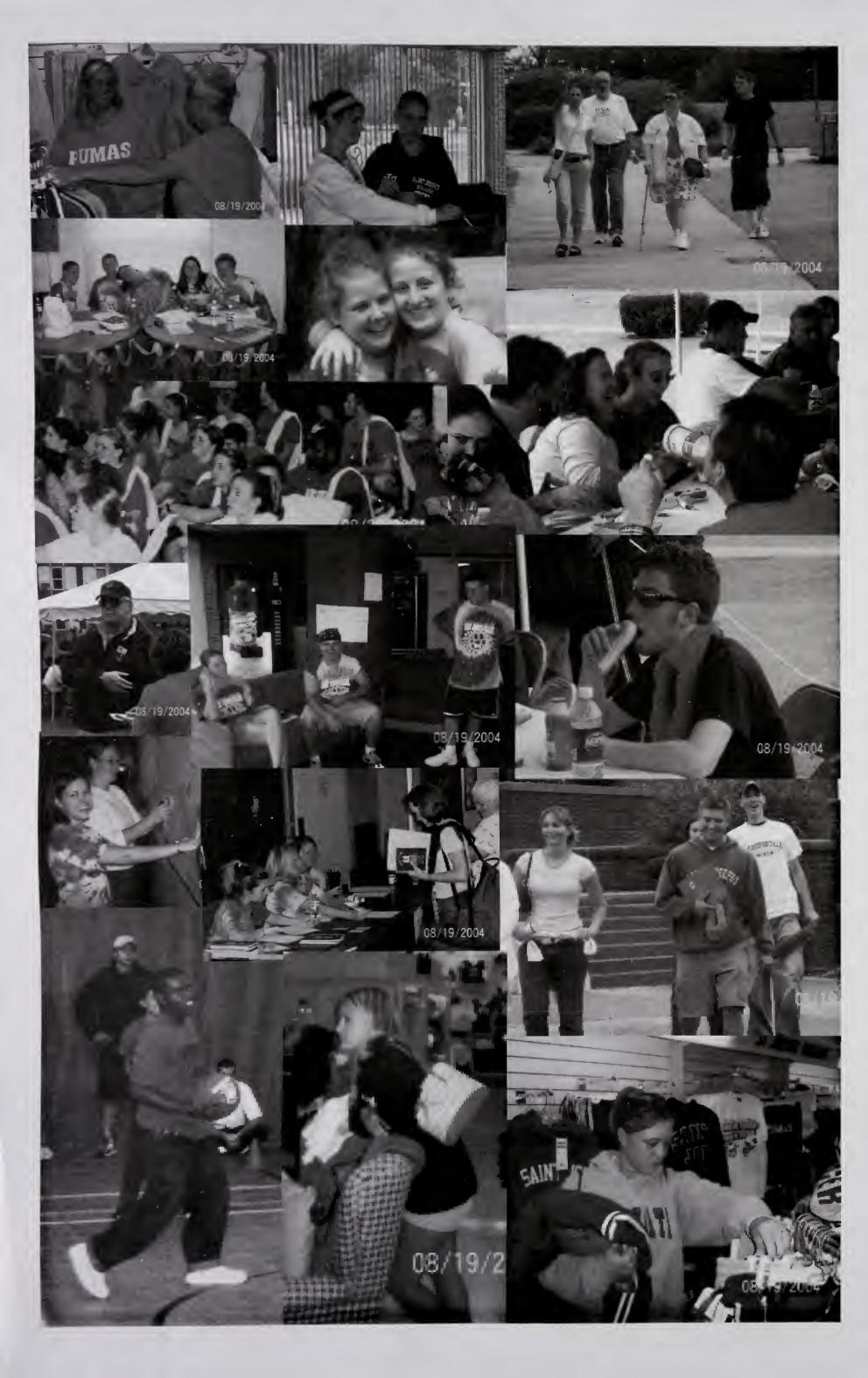
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SJC WELCOMES A FAMILIAR FACE

By Becky Scherer, Editor-in-Chief



Graper in fatigues.

Anxious to get his feet back into another year at Saint Joseph's College, math major SGT Wes Graper returns to us after spending eleven months serving overseas in the army reserves. SGT Graper began his senior year at SJC in 2002 only to have it put on hold by a surprise transfer from his engineering unit in Illinois—863rd Engineers—to the 244th engineering unit in Colorado in March 2003, over spring break. He spent two months preparing in Colorado before shipping out to Kuwait for over a month; nine months at several locations in Iraq;

and finally another month in Kuwait before arriving back at his home in Demotte in mid April 2004.

Now busy piecing his life back into order, SGT Graper is aware of everything that's changed at SJC during his time away— mostly the now-unfamiliar faces of students and faculty. "It's hard, but I'm just trying to take it [slowly] and take it all in," he said.

Coping with the differences between his home in the United States and his recent time spent in foreign countries has proved a trying task for SGT Graper. "There's not a lot of freedom over there [in Kuwait and Iraq], and now that I'm home I can do anything," he said, "but there's really nothing to do."

In the reserves and overseas, SGT Graper performed interior electrician tasks such as installing electricity for living facilities as well as performing various carpentry work and building several bunkers. "We did whatever they asked, no matter if it seemed possible or not... we made life better for the soldiers," he said. SGT Graper was also expected to serve time on guard duty, during which he had to escort contracted Iraqi and Turkish truckers and electricians and supervise their endeavors.

After serving in the reserves for less than six years, SGT Graper was promoted to the rank of Sergeant during his time in Iraq.

Reminiscing about his time spent overseas, SGT Graper said that the aesthetic differences took some getting used to. "The biggest thing I noticed was that there were no clouds at all," he said. "After a couple of months being there, I finally saw one cloud one time and I took a picture of it."

A hobby SGT Graper has picked up since his return to the US is that of personal XBox training with the intent of entering himself in this semester's campus-wide. "Halo" competition. He bids any challengers to contact him: "I need the practice," he said.

Want to get involved?

ACTIVITIES CALLOUT

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 5-7, Ballroom



Fr. Jeffrey Kirch, Chaplain M.A. and M.Div., Catholic Theological Union

- Member of the SJC 1998 graduating class
- Ordained into the C.PP.S on June 26, 2004, in the SJC Chapel
- As an SJC student, worked in campus ministry and served as Liturgical Ministry Coordinator
- Also worked with Kairos, Pro-Life Group, Sacristan, SJC Campus Yearbook, SJC Campus Newspaper, SJC Student Association Treasurer
- Member of Alpha Lambda Delta
- Recipient of the 1998 Saint Joseph the Educator Award

New Faculty/ Staff Hires:

David Burkett Asst. Men's Basketball Coach

Richard Davis Asst. men's Basketball Coach

Terry Davisson Computer Center Technical Support

Jason Dowiak Asst. Soccer Coach

Louis Esposito
Asst. Football Coach

Jeremiah Fields
Security

Toni Halgas Asst. Prof. of Social Work

Leslie Heilema
Dir., Center of Indiana Partnerships

Brandon Johnson Asst. Football Coach

Fr. Jeffrey Kirch Chaplain

Rachel Lancaster
Admissions Representative

Tim Lester Head Football Coach

Dr. Stephen Lewis Asst. Prof. of English

Elizabeth Lipinski Asst. Volleyball Coach Keenan Massey Asst. Football Coach

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Sarah Spencer
Director of Educational Support

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Elizabeth Tinsley Housing and Res. Life Area Director

Lauren Woosley Admissions Representative

SJC Liturgy Schedule:

Sunday Liturgies 11:15 AM 9:00 PM Daily Liturgies 6:30 AM 11:30 AM

Noon **Midweek Prayer** Wednesdays,

9:00 PM

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be held weekly beginning at 8:30 PM every Sunday for those interested. Other times are available by appointment.

All services are held in the Chapel except the 6:30 and 11:30 AM daily liturgies, which take place in the East Oratory.

Say farewell to The Observer... as you know it.

Stay tuned for our redesigned issue, coming in mid September.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the newspaper staff, contact Becky Scherer at rsh4164@saintjoe.edu or Sandra Wood at swh4014@saintjoe.edu.